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SUBJECT: US AND FRG SOCIAL SECURITY AGREEMENT

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1. THE DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS AND AGREEMENT NEGOTIATED IN BONN IN JANUARY 1975 ARE CURRENTLY BEING REVIEWED BY INTERESTED OFFICES WITHIN THE US GOVERNMENT FOR COMMENT AND CONCURRENCE. IT IS TOO EARLY TO DETERMINE WHETHER ANY SIGNIFICANT QUESTIONS WILL BE RAISED, BUT THUS FAR NONE HAS BEEN RAISED THAT WOULD AFFECT THE TERMS OF THE DRAFT. SSA WILL CONTACT LABATT AND FRG LABOR MINISTRY DIRECTLY AND INFORMALLY TO RESOLVE ANY ISSUES SHOULD THEY ARISE.

2. LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF THE US-GERMAN  
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SOCIAL SECURITY AGREEMENT AND SIMILAR AGREEMENTS WITH

OTHER COUNTRIES HAS BEEN PROPOSED BY THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE AND IS EXPECTED TO BE INTRODUCED IN THE CONGRESS SHORTLY. IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO DETERMINE AT THIS TIME WHEN THE LEGISLATION WILL BE ENACTED INTO LAW.

3. DEPARTMENT IS SEEKING AUTHORITY UNDER CIRCULAR 175 PROCEDURE FOR SIGNATURE OF AGREEMENT AND SUBJECT TO THAT

AUTHORIZATION THE VISIT OF MINISTER ARENDT TO THE UNITED STATES FROM AUGUST 31 TO SEPTEMBER 6 WOULD BE WELCOMED, EVEN IF ENABLING LEGISLATION HAS NOT YET BEEN ENACTED BY THAT TIME. ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE FOR TALKS WITH SECRETARY OF HEW AND FOR FINAL FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS AND SIGNATURE OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY AGREEMENT TO COINCIDE WITH THE VISIT. SIMILAR ARRANGEMENTS FOR TALKS WITH SECRETARY OF LABOR WILL ALSO BE SOUGHT.

4. IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE FOR SOCIAL SECURITY EXPERTS ACCOMPANYING MINISTER ARENDT BE PREPARED TO ARRIVE SEVERAL WORKING DAYS IN ADVANCE TO CLEAR UP ANY LAST MINUTE MATTERS WHICH MIGHT ARISE IN CONNECTION WITH PREPARATION OF THE AGREEMENT FOR SIGNATURE.

5. DEPARTMENT REQUESTS LABATT APPROACH FRG LABOR MINISTRY TO DISCUSS ABOVE STATUS OF AGREEMENT AND REPORT FRG REACTION TO WASHINGTON. KISSINGER

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